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BIRTHDAYS - NOV. 26 TO DEC. 2

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OVER TEN YEARS GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Clate Cox, 14 yrs, 1 Mo. (4 yrs., 2 mos. in REA) Dora Goldblatt, 12 yrs., 7 mos. (9 yrs., 2 mos. in REA) Arthur L. Stewartson, 10 yrs., 2 mos. (3 yrs., 2 mos. in REA) Covington G. Kilbourne, 11 yrs. 4 mos (4 yrs., 5 mos. in REA)

CHRISTMAS CARDS -- Beautiful Assortment. Mrs. Mae Bowles, représentative for Navy Mothers Club of Webster Groves. Room 641.

(DIDJAKNOW THAT - CONT'D)

getting ready for all golfers with his four handicap; tis another junior at the Harry Lambertons: Rosalie Venable doing nicely now, thank you, after an operation at Mo. Baptist Hosp .: A. Harnett and N. Mellett having a large Thanksgiving with Narriving at work with her very best Nylons while A. just arrived.

The snow-flake that the cliff receives --The diamonds of the showers ---Spring's tender blossoms, buds and leaves --The Sisterhood of flowers --Morn's early beam--eve's balmy breeze --Her purity define: -But Ida's dearer far than these To this fond breast of mine.

My heart is on the hills; the shades Of night are on my brow. Ye pleasant haunts and silent glades My soul is with you now. I bless the star-crowned Highlands where My Ida's footsteps roam: Oh, for a falcon's wing to bear ---To bear me to my home.

Our soldiers want to get home as quickly as possible. You can help--it takes bonds as well as bombs -- back the SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE WITH A BOND!!

WHAT EVERY HIKER OUGHT TO KNOW

The Hiking Club has learned all about the birds and the bees? Sunday they will complete their knowledge with the study of flowers at the Jewel Box and Shaw's Garden. Meet at the corper of Kingshighway and Arsenal at 2:15. We will hike across Tower Grove Park to Shaw's Garden and then from there (by bus or street car) to the Jewel Box. After that lunch at one of the Picnic grounds and a short game of softball.

STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD IT

A young man whose father had been hanged was faced with a life insurance proposal form. Folowing the ordinary questions about hereditary ills, there was one asking the causes of death of his parents. He wrote: "Mother passed on as the result of pneumonia. Father was taking active part in a public function, when the platform suddenly gave way beneath him and he was killed by the fall."

DIDIAKNOWTHA

Once again those extra dust cloths can be consigned to the limbo of things to be forgotten for our little Gold Dust. Twins, Messieurs Donaldson and Meehan, are going back to the Big Top and they want to thank all the gals for their splendid cooperation in cleaning up before they arrived. They state it is the first time in their many travels that they did not have to wear their overalls on the job. But there is another little job that might be taken care of with dispatch now that the War Chest Drive is over. Some wit who doesn't know the good deed represented by those Red Feathers adorning the doors wants to know if it stands for 100% flighty and while that might do for some of the offices 'twould be going too, too far to stigmatize all by that epithet. That awful uproar on the 11th floor is but J. Warner Pyles trying to make himself heard in Kansas City without the benefit of wires - or it may be with them. J.W.'s cry is now "any rags, any bones, any bottles today" for he and Perc Sachs have gone into the junk business in a big way and it is to be noted that now that he is ensconced in that rarified atmosphere they have had to move V.D.N. to the opposite side of the building just to even things up. And that rattle, rattle, rattle heard in the vicinity of Pershing and Taylor is that ray of sunshine, J. Andring, shaking her dice as she typhoons hither and you taking on all comers in her battle to become parchesi champion of greater St.L. Despite trials, tribulations and even poison pen letters the great party for Mary Frances Hohlfeld came off with much eclat and M.F. went home laden with grand and glorious loot, even to a highly intellectual treatise edited by Mlles. Mamer and Wilson. Col. Westray Battles Boyce, a former REAer, has been given the Army's Legion of Merit for her war work as Staff Director of the WAC in the North African Theatre. Not only is Col. Boyce one of the loveliest and most gracious but was also blessed with amodicum of gray matter as witness the fact she worked in that Section where one has to compete with the intelligentsia. And have you seen V. Kallemeier in her fireman's helmet ... 'Twas won for activities over and beyond the call of duty and with a waste basket at that. Of course she succeeded in making such a smudge that everyone else on the corridor thought she was trying to exterminate something (and she well might have been) but thinks with a bit more practice she'll be able to make the volunteers at least.! Novitiate Kirkman of A&L seems to be doin' all right for his first field trip. Under the escort and tutelage, tsk! tsk! of H(you know what) Clark, 'tis

off to Key West and points south he merrily trips and right when old man Winter is just 'round'the corner -But why that southern clime when he has cached such a marvelous antidote for a long, cold season? HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE: "Fundamentalist" Eardley off to Salt Lake City to check up on Maroni; G. W. Thaxton with a cable from son Edgar who has arrived at an undisclosed destination in the war theatre; that indefatigable D. A. Neal disturbing the slumbers of companion field trippers at 5:30 in the a.m. to discuss the intracacies of engineering when it is well known that no engineer should ever be approached with even a soft "bon jour" earlier than noon if one values his life or limbs; the \$64 question of the week - where oh where is our Walter and when will Le Bigelow return to his roof tree; Tex Tynes, novitiate D&Cer, arriving at work with an electric soldering iron, pocket knife with screw driver attachment and a few other odds and ends of tool equipment with which to carry on his daily toil - what no cork screw; Messrs. Hiemer, Lynch, Johnston and Kirkbride, more novitiated D&Cers; Irma Beyer and Mary Jane Schade leaving us for fairer fields; G. Kick with the wolves at her heels and fear in her heart that they won't catch up; J. Cobb in stentorian tones telling all and sundry along the highways and byways that he's Boss for the day; Milt Thurber of USN reporting now from Seattle; Olga Yuhas' new coiffure which is most fetching and being an exceptional femme will impart the name of her artist; that sign of warning to absent minded readers to be sure to pay for their newspapers; Irleene Lewis being convoyed by a very handsome gent in the uniform of our Uncle's Navy; "Deke" Dadson (DIDJAKNOWTHAT Cont d on first page) FIASH: False Alarm! The Gold Dust Twins are here for another week!! *********** SPAN is published by the REA Athletic Association for employees of REA; F. Speh, Editor, S. Norton, Associate Editor; Signed contributions are

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